

## REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the Continuation information required under 37 CFR § 1.72 is provided.

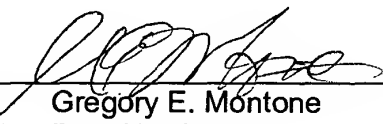
It is noted that the present application contains claims 1-89. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.607(c) it is noted that claims 1-88 correspond either exactly or substantially to claims 1-88 of U.S. Patent 6,426,893, issued on July 30, 2002. Claim 89 is similar to claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,426,893 but has been amended to delete recitations regarding negative limitations concerning the data stored respectively in the first and second group of blocks.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.36486CC6).

Respectfully submitted,

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